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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-U.S. documents is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,467,087
EP 1 156 417
Japan 08-161231
EP 1 376 344
EP 1 233 608
EP 0 772 338
Japan 2001-306328
EP 0 859 489

The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

The European Search Report does not list English language counterparts for the two Japanese language documents. However, English-language abstracts for the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's

consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts and by the Search Report. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.


Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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